

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2011.

**Subject**

1. Annual federal cost-of-living changes.
2. CDC Department Hourly Rates
3. Revised forms.

**1) ANNUAL  
FEDERAL COST-OF-  
LIVING CHANGES****FAP****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living update for Food Assistance Program (FAP) standards. The update will appear in budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2011.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined the income limits and benefit issuances will remain the same as last year. Additionally, FNS determined the heat and utility standard used in determining FAP benefits is decreased from \$588 to \$553 per month and the non-heat electric standard is decreased from \$101 per month to \$92 per month. The other standards increased or remain the same.

*Reason:* Annual standards update.

***Communication Plan:*** What's New.

The following tables have been revised:

- 225, SDA Monthly Assistance Payment Standard.
- 235, SDA Payment Rates for Special Living Arrangements.
- 242, Ad-Care and Medicare Savings Program Income Limits.
- 270, CDC Income Eligibility Scale and Provider Rates

**2) CDC HOURLY  
DEPARTMENT  
RATES****RFT 270**

The Tier 1 unlicensed provider rates have been reduced for all children, regardless of age, to \$1.35 per hour.

*Reason:* Legislative mandate.

### **3) REVISED FORMS**

The following forms have been revised:

- DHS-198, Child Development and Care Provider Certificate/Notice of Authorization.
- DHS-198-C, Child Development and Care Client Certificate/Notice of Authorization.
- DHS-4025, Child Development and Care Provider Verification.
- DHS-2362-A, Services Warrant Rewrite/disposition Request. It is generated electronically by the Adult Services Authorized Payment (ASAP) system or the MDCH Medicaid Collections unit when a warrant is canceled, stopped or returned to Treasury as undelivered and forwarded via email to the local DHS fiscal unit. I
- DHS-4025, Child Development and Care Provider Verification.
- DHS-4771, Authorization for Withholding of Fica Tax in Home Help Payments.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Added Items ...**

**RFF 2362A**

**Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**RFF 198**

**RFF 198-C**

**RFF 1171**

**RFF 4025**

**RFF 4771**

**RFT 225**

**RFT 235**

**RFT 242**

**RFT 250**

**RFT 255**

**RFT 260**

**RFT 270**